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REPORT OF SELECTMEN

For Year Ending, March 1, 1880.

RECEIPTS.

The Selectmen charge themselves as follows:

To Resident Cash Assessment,	\$4,647.20
Non-Resident do.,	143.78
Non-Resident Highway Tax,	39.50
Dog Tax,	70.00
Received of County for support of Paupers,	190.00
" State, Railroad Tax,	424.18
" " Savings Bank Tax,	195.67
" " Literary Fund,	81.77
" Town Treasurer, Rents on Lease Land,	31.80
" State, bounty on bear,	10.00
Due from Collector, 1876,	107.84
" " 1877.	85.70
" " 1878,	1,726.69
Cash in hands of Treasurer, March 1, 1879,	199.15
	\$7,953.28

DISBURSEMENTS.

SCHOOL MONEY.

Paid B. M. Libbey, District No. 1,	\$ 96.00
H. C. Blood, " 2 and 9,	180.00
Wm. Kimball, " 3,	61.00
L. D. Webster, " 4,	95.00
Carlos Hobbs, " 5,	77.50
B. F. Martin, " 6,	79.00

Paid B. A. Hall, District No. 7,	\$ 77.00
C. S. Hoyt, " 8,	76.00
Geo. Plummer, " 10,	72.00
W. W. Caverly, " 11,	72.00
F. C. Davis, " 12,	96.00
Chas. Clough, " 13,	30.00

	\$1,011.50

SOCIETY MONEY.

Paid Congregational Society,	\$11.00
Baptist do.,	9.00
Universalist do.,	13.00

	\$33.00

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Willie H. Moses,	1.78
Lyman Ellsworth,	9.30
G. W. Greenleaf,	7.75
John Whitcher,	2.00
John B. Randall,	7.50
James Randall,	13.77
Peter Clifford,	2.50
S. P. Chase,	2.00
C. C. Clifford,	10.00
J. S. Ford,	10.15
Joseph Levalley,	13.00
A. M. Cogswell,	51.98
J. C. Ellsworth,	1.25
F. C. Davis,	5.00
Wm. McLoskey,	22.35
G. W. Runnels,	27.44
J. L. Downing,	20.19

Paid Orlando Boyd,	\$ 3.86
E. G. Davis,	1.25
David Gove,	16.85
E. Boardman,	13.25
G. E. Ellsworth,	14.00
A. T. Emerton,	35.62
L. W. Davis,	12.34
Albert Pillsbury,	1.50
D. M. Currier,	3.07
N. B. Foster,	24.80
James Kimball,	2.35
J. M. Ellsworth,	2.50
J. D. Colburn,	2.30
A. P. Tenney,	5.00
John Sanders,	13.22
D. A. Foster,	10.50
Joseph Colburn,	4.00
S. F. Savage,	1.60
Erastus Thayer,	17.18
J. S. Breck,	5.85
Samuel Nason,	5.00
C. C. Clifford,	46.10
L. P. Whitcher,	7.34
N. Youngman,	6.00
N. B. Foster,	4.13
B. W. Brown,	99.62
Joseph Boyd,	4.76
M. L. Aiken,	11.50
Mark Welcome,	8.30
Reuben Hobbs,	10.00
Eaton, Davis & Co.	5.09
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	\$606.34

TOWN PAUPER BILLS.

Paid N. H. Asylum for support of J. F. Stevens,	\$166.30
E. B. Currier for support of E. B. Currier, Jr.,	52.00
Eaton, Davis & Co., goods furnished H. Aiken,	61.64
Wm. H. Moore, " "	36.12
S. F. Savage, " "	2.20
A. M. Cogswell, " "	9.27
N. H. Asylum, support of Mrs. Wm. Flanders,	94.42
Lois Stevens Estate, rent for Peter Clifford,	15.00
I. S. Sanborn, support of J. F. Sanborn for town of Gilmanton,	99.00

	\$536.45

COUNTY PAUPER BILLS.

Paid Eaton, Davis & Co., goods for Mrs. Mitchell,	\$ 33.85
E. S. Chandler, board and nursing L. M. Chandler,	13.00
L. M. Chandler,	25.00
C. H. Elliot, sheriff fees, in Chandler case,	11.54
Witness fees, " "	18.29
F. A. Durkee, visits and medicine for L. M. Chandler,	15.25
F. A. Durkee, do. for Ira Ellsworth,	3.00
E. Ellsworth, support of " "	53.00
Wm. T. Ellsworth, " "	52.00
James Radford, by order of County,	40.00
C. A. Cass, Beef furnished J. Radford,	4.32
Eaton, Davis & Co., Flour " "	7.00
A. M. Flanders, keeping Mary Bailey,	16.00
P. Chandler, " "	1.00

	\$293.25

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Paid James Randall, damage to sheep,	12.00
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Paid G. E. Ellsworth, damage to sheep,	\$ 10.00
S. J. Pease, " "	4.00
A. Brown, " "	6.00
James Kimball, " "	6.00
B. M. Libbey, " "	4.00
J. Colburn, " "	8.00
R. Hobbs, " "	9.00
B. W. Sanborn & Co., Stationery,	11.77
G. S. Dean, use of Church Hall three years,	45.00
Wm. C. Pillsbury, Watering Trough,	2.50
E. M. Blodgett, abatemen of G. Smith's Tax,	7.28
L. W. Currier, Cash paid out,	20.00
Bounties on Hawks and Foxes,	2.00
Wm. A. Flanders, Services 1877,	6.00
F. A. Durkee, Return of Births and Deaths,	3.00
A. M. Cogswell, Books, &c.,	2.85
Eastman & Brown, Bill,	3.96
John A. Davis, Express,	.25
M. L. Aiken, Non-Resident Taxes,	6.50

	\$170.11

* SERVICES TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid A. M. Cogwell, S. S. Committee.	\$25.00
Wm. H. Davis, Town Clerk,	25.00
N. B. Foster, Selectman,	30.00
A. M. Cogswell, "	35.00
L. W. Currier, "	100.00
M. L. Aiken, Collector,	66.26
John A. Davis, Treasurer.	25.00
Auditors,	6.00
Supervisors,	18.00

	\$330.26

Paid State Tax,	\$ 468.00
County Tax,	728.51
Coupons,	1,003.00
Town Bonds and Interest,	304.75
Due from Collector 1876,	107.84
" " 1877,	85.70
" " 1878,	191.69
" " 1879,	1,131.48
Cash in hands of Treasurer,	951.40
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Whole Amount,	\$7,953.28

We, the undersigned, have examined the foregoing accounts of the Selectmen for the year ending March 1, 1880, and find them properly cast and well vouched.

FRANKLIN EATON, } Auditors
SAM'L G. CURRIER, } of
Wm. H. MOORE, } Wentworth.

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN MARCH 1, 1880.

Town Bonds,	\$15,900.00
Interest on Town Bonds,	596.00
Due School District Nos. 2 and 9,	137.96
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	\$16,633.96

ASSETS.

Due from State, Railroad Tax,	\$ 424.00
“ “ Savings Bank Tax,	195.00
“ “ Literary Fund,	81.00
“ “ Bounties,	33.60
“ Rents on Lease Land,	60.00
“ County, support of Paupers,	166.40
“ J. Whitcher, Note and Interest,	167.28
“ Town of Gilmanton, for J. F.	
Sanborn,	124.00
Collector, 1873,	71.30
“ 1874,	21.32
“ 1875,	22.67
“ 1876,	107.84
“ 1877,	85.70
“ 1878,	191.69
“ 1879,	1,131.48
Cash in hands of Treasurer,	951.40
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	\$ 3,834.68

Balance of Indebtedness,	\$12,799.28
Decrease of Debt the past year,	909.47

Respectfully Submitted,

L. W. CURRIER, } Selectmen
 A. M. COGSWELL, } of
 N. B. FOSTER, } Wentworth.

SCHOOL REPORT.

In presenting to the citizens of the town this, my fifth annual report of schools, I would say that in some of our schools I find decided improvement, while in others I regret to feel obliged to report no perceptible improvement, and still in others a decided failure. This may justly be attributed to several causes, a few of which I will mention. First—Prudential Committees too often hire teachers because they can hire them low. Such are not always the cheapest. Be sure and get first-class teachers when you can. Second—Ill feelings and bickerings between citizens of the district, which are carried into school-meetings and school matters. Third—A laxness in parents and guardians in regard to those over which they have charge, in seeing that they are at school every day regularly, and in time, from the beginning to the close of the term, unless prevented by sickness, whether they like the teacher or not. Fourth—A tendency to find fault with the teachers because they *do not* make other people's children obey the rules of school, and because they *do* make theirs. Fifth—A lack of interest as shown by not visiting the schools and seeing for themselves where the fault lies, whether with the teacher or their own children. Sixth—A disposition to censure a teacher with from six to thirty scholars, for not enforcing perfect obedience to the rules of the school, while they cannot—or do not—enforce obedience *even at home*. My opinion is that children should be made to attend the school while it keeps, and if there is fault with the teachers that causes them to be incompetent to teach the school, apply the proper remedy and have them discharged. If children are allowed to leave the school because they do not like the teacher or some imaginary grievance, they will in a short time stay at home and grow up in ignorance.

From some, or all, of the above causes, our schools have suffered the past year. During the five years in which I have had the oversight of the schools I think I can see the greatest improvement in Districts No. 2 and 9. District No. 1 comes

next. No. 10 is still the best school in scholarship and deportment. The citizens in this District are very careful to procure the best teachers, and have been very successful. Owing to sickness and other causes I have not been able to visit all the schools during the winter. Those I have visited have some of them shown good improvement, while others have hardly held their own. The registers are not as carefully filled as they should be, and some of the teachers are careless about returning them in season. Prudential Committees have been careful to notify me of the commencement and close of terms. The whole amount of school money for the year is \$1,050. I would again advise the hiring of the same teachers for the school year if good.

I will give the Roll of Honor as returned to me, being those who have not been absent or tardy for the past year: Fred E. Libbey, Walter S. Libbey, John P. Currier, Mary M. Currier, Nellie B. Rollins, Mary E. Pillsbury, Edna Stanyan, Geo. Blood, Willie Radford, Burt A. Brown, Chas. H. Martin, Geo. F. Plummer, Burt O. Whitcher, Johnnie W. Whitcher.

A reference to the tabular statement on the last page will give you a full understanding of the status of the schools. Districts No. 1, 2 and 9, 8—in winter—and 10, all appeared well at their close. Districts No. 4 and 11 I did not visit at their close in winter, as the scholars left before their teachers. No. 4 in summer appeared well at the opening; at the close I was not in. On the whole I fear the schools have not sustained their standing as compared with the last year. I find by the returns that there have been three Prudential Committees that have visited the schools this year, and many more citizens than in past years. Thanking teachers and scholars who have all, with hardly an exception, shown me the utmost kindness and respect, and hoping that some one may be chosen to fill the place of School Committee more suited to the position, I submit this, my fifth report.

A. M. COGSWELL, School Committee.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

No. of District.	Term.	NAME OF TEACHER.	No. of Pupils attending the following studies.												No. between 5 and 15 not attending school.								
			No. of weeks of School.		Whole No. of Scholars.		Reading.		Spelling.		Penmanship.		Arithmetic.		Grammar.	Geography.	U. S. History.	Philosophy.	Algebra.	Book-keeping.	Drawing.	Latin.	Vocal Music.
1	1	Edward G. Tenney.	11	22	22	22	13	16	1	14											9		
	2	" "	10	19	19	19	14	12	1	11													
	3	" "	10	19	19	19	15	14	1	11													
2	1	E. M. Spaulding.	9	38	38	38	10	29	8	15	3												
	2	L. J. Childs.	8	37	37	37	10	29	9	19	2												
9	3	" "	9	33	33	33	11	30	7	11											1		
3	1	M. M. Dolloff.	12	5	5	5	4	5	1	2													
4	1	Chas. H. Turner.*																					
	2	Elmore Clark,†																					
5	1	Debbie F. Chase.	10	15	15	15	11	12	2	5	2												
	2	" "	10	20	20	20	16	16	2	5	2												
6	1	Bartlett J. Foster.	7	18	18	18	9	12	3	6	1												
	2	" "	11	19	19	19	8	15	3	5	1												
7	1	S. C. Simpson.‡																					
	2	" "																					
8	1	Belle D. Downing.	5	25	25	25	12	17	2	12													
	2	Clara Ellsworth.	12	27	27	27	13	18	8	12													
10	1	Persis M. Plummer.	9	7	7	7	4	6	3	4													
	2	Jessie Marshall.	12	7	7	7	5	6	3	4													
11	1	Minnie F. Gale.	7	6	6	6	5	4	2	1													
12	1	Allie A. Powers.	8	13	13	13	9	9	5														
	2	Alice J. Cutting.	10	13	13	13	8	9	7	2													
13	1	C. Josie Huckins.§	6	7	7	7	4	4															
	2	" "	8	10	10	10	5	8															

*Register in hands of Mr. Clark.

†Register not returned.

‡Register not returned. Union district, Rumney and Wentworth.

§Union district, Dorchester and Wentworth.

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